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## MURDER SUSPECT HELD

One of the two men accused of killing Donald Chad Smith covers his face as he is remanded back into custody after appearing on a first-degree murder charge in Dartmouth provincial court on Thursday. Randy Desmond Riley of Dartmouth and Nathan Tremain Johnson of Cherry Brook are both charged in the shooting. Story, page 3

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# Cyberpunks attack ... street makeover poll?

**Brushed with  
corruption.** Thousands  
of invalid votes came in

Thanks to some hackers, Halifaxians have lost their input on which street will get a free makeover.

A poll hosted by HRM over the last few weeks to decide which of a dozen streets should get a fresh coat of paint came back with corrupted results.

"We wanted this to be an easy, quick way for residents to provide their choice. Unfortunately, by making it easy and accessible ... it also made it easier for people who had ulterior motives," said HRM spokesperson Brendan Elliott.

The decision on who wins is now in the hands of Benja-

### Feeling polo blue

Mayor Mike Savage, who promoted the contest in a popular online video where he compared himself to Brad Pitt, said the online voting issue was an "unfortunate turn of events" for an otherwise great initiative.

min Moore, which is funding the paint job as a part of its Main Street Matters promotion.

"That kind of ruined it for everybody, but there was still a lot of hype about it and it certainly built a lot of awareness," said Paul MacKinnon, executive director of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission.

Users could vote once every 24 hours through the HRM website. After voting closed

last Friday, it was found that three IP addresses accessed the poll more than 7,500 times.

The person responsible managed to vote multiple times per day, and likely masked their IP address, as thousands of the hits originated in Florida and Italy.

"They were able to use a proxy service to mask their own location and take the scent off of them essentially," said Elliott.

HRM can't subtract the invalid votes because they cannot link each vote to its computer's IP address. Elliott said in future polls, users will likely have to register with a name and email to prevent multiple submissions.

"When you use these technologies at times, that's the sort of risk you run," said MacKinnon.

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# Victim was 'lured' to where he was shot: Police

**Murder case.** Two accused of killing Donald Chad Smith appear in court



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Emotions were running high at Dartmouth provincial court on Thursday when two young men charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Donald Chad Smith made brief appearances.

Halifax Regional Police say Smith, a pizza-delivery driver, was killed in 2010 over a previous dispute with two men.

"We do believe the victim was lured to the location, where he was shot," police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said.

On Thursday, both 21-year-old men appeared in a Dartmouth courtroom to face murder charges.

Randy Desmond Riley, of Dartmouth, and Nathan Tremain Johnson, of Cherry Brook, were quiet during their brief appearances.

On Oct. 23, 2010, Smith was found shot outside an apartment complex on Joseph Young Street in Dartmouth's Highfield Park just before 9:30 p.m.

"We do not believe this to be a random act, and it was not drug-related," Bourdages said.

Smith, a father of two from Windsor Junction, had started delivering pizzas for a local restaurant a few days



Family and friends of shooting victim Donald Chad Smith leave a Dartmouth court on Thursday after the appearances of Randy Desmond Riley and Nathan Tremain Johnson, who are accused of murdering Smith. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Donald Chad Smith CONTRIBUTED

before his death.

At the time of the shooting, police said the pizza was ordered from a payphone on Highfield Park Drive, and that Smith was shot before

he made the delivery.

Smith's mother and brother were in court on Thursday, and sat quietly during the appearances of the accused.

After they left the courtroom, Smith's mother broke down into sobs and was taken into a separate room.

Another woman using a cane was rocking back and forth as she watched Riley and Johnson walk into court.

Upon leaving, she shouted at a TV cameraman and hit him with her cane. She then shakily tried to keep walking before sinking to the ground and crying.

Bourdages said he could not give any details about what led to the arrests. "It

## Court case

- Randy Desmond Riley and Nathan Tremain Johnson will remain in custody until their next court appearance on Aug. 27.
- Crown attorney Perry Borden said dates for a preliminary inquiry could be set at that time, or the defence could go through Supreme Court to apply for a bail hearing.



One of the accused men is led back into custody after his court appearance on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

was a very complex and lengthy investigation," he

said. "We arrested them when we were in a position to do so."

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# Following national trend, Halifax crime rate down 10%

**Stats for 2012.** While crime is down, our city has a violent Crime Severity Index above the average in Canada



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New figures from Statistics Canada suggest the crime rate in Halifax is following a national downward trend, though violent crime remains a point of concern.

The police-reported crime statistics for 2012, published Thursday, suggests the crime rate fell in Halifax by 10 per cent from 2011, while the violent crime rate fell by 16 per cent.

"It is encouraging, but we can't just rest, we have to keep addressing these concerns," said Halifax Regional Police spokesperson Const. Pierre Bourdages.

Although the violent crime rate of 1,148 offences per 100,000 population is just under the national figure of 1,190, the violent Crime Severity Index (CSI) — which measures the volume and seriousness of crime — sits at 92.4, above the national average of 81.4.

"Unfortunately, sometimes (with) violent crimes, we have very limited co-operation from witnesses and victims," said Bourdages, adding that most violent crime in Halifax is tied to the drug sub-culture and is not random.

The violent CSI fell by 15 per cent in Halifax from 2011 to 2012, a drop that Bourdages attributed to the work of the Guns and Gangs and quick response units.

Homicides in HRM fell from 18 in 2011 to 12 in 2012 — and four so far this year, with arrests in three.

"Something's working, obviously, for the crime to go down this much," said Bourdages.

## How we rank

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Halifax's ranking for crime rate among 33 Canadian cities.

A total figure for the non-violent crime rate wasn't provided, but Statistics Canada reports the non-violent CSI in Halifax fell by 13 per cent to 67.5 — below the national average of 72.5.

The rate of robberies, break and enters and motor vehicle thefts all fell by double digits, but sexual assaults fell by only four per cent.

"We know that all the sexual assaults we investigate are not all the sexual assaults that occur," said Bourdages.

"We have to work on getting victims to report these crimes and make sure ... the person responsible is brought to justice."



Police investigate a shooting in this May 2012 photo. METRO FILE

## Cops ask for help to solve Raymond Floyd Peters case



Police look for evidence at 56 and 58 Primrose Street in Dartmouth in this January 2012 photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Police are asking for the public's help in solving an unsolved homicide from the start of this year.

Raymond Floyd Peters, 24, was shot in the backyard of a home on Primrose Street in Dartmouth after getting into a fight with several men on Jan. 7 around 5:20 p.m.

After being shot, police say Peters ran to an address on Jackson Road, where he

took refuge in an apartment. Paramedics arrived and rushed Peters to the hospital, where he died.

Police say the shooting wasn't a random incident.

The call for public help in the case comes one day after police charged two men with the 2010 shooting death of pizza delivery driver Donald Chad Smith.

Spokesman Const. Pierre

Bourdages says there's nothing to indicate the two cases are connected, but police want to use the arrests on Wednesday to show the public these cases can be solved.

"Given the publicity around it, we felt it was a good day to do it," he said.

Police describe the shooter in the death of Peters as a black male in his 20s and about five-foot-eight. He was

said to be wearing a navy blue hoodie and black pants and escaped in a small white car.

Peters was the first of four homicides in HRM so far this year. Police have made arrests in the other three cases.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

## Redevelopment deal done. TD Bank to stay in TD Centre for 10 more years

The owner of the new TD Centre in downtown Halifax has renewed the lease with the centre's anchor tenant.

TDB Halifax Holdings Limited announced Thursday that it has signed a 10-year lease with TD Bank Group at the redevelopment at the corner of Barrington and George.

A news release states

the building's overhaul includes the installation of new systems that will generate lower emissions, make "gross rent very competitive," and will give tenants better control over air quality and other environmental systems.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2014.

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The proposed redevelopment CONTRIBUTED

## Black Point. Five swimmers rescued off Nova Scotia coast

The RCMP in Nova Scotia says five swimmers got into distress Wednesday afternoon off Black Point when they were pulled into deep water by the currents, but all of them are safe.

The Mounties say they got a call about swimmers in distress at about 5:30 p.m. Three swimmers between the ages of 48 and 86 were picked up by

an inshore boat from the joint rescue co-ordination centre.

Others in the area got flotation devices to them until they could be rescued. The two other swimmers were rescued by people in kayaks.

Sgt. Kevin Dunlevy says the incident is an indication of changing tides in the area at this time of the year.

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## ... on a Halifax Pier, the last (and second last) of Barrett's Privateers

A couple shields themselves from the rain at the end of the pier in front of Purdys Wharf as a Navy Tugboat heads past in the fog on Thursday. Wet weather has been forecast in the metro area until Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

John Leonard MacKean

## Sackville man charged in confinement case to stand trial

A Lower Sackville man charged with sexual assault in the case of a teenage boy who was chained inside a Nova Scotia cabin has been committed to stand trial.

John Leonard MacKean, who is also charged with communicating for the purpose of obtaining sexual services from a person under 18, had a preliminary inquiry Thursday where the boy testified for about 40 minutes. The teen wiped away tears several times as he answered questions from the Crown and defence. Evidence presented during the hearing is subject to a publication ban.

Outside court, Crown attorney Lloyd Tancock said the hearing was difficult for the young man.

"He was very emotional, so yes, it would be exceptionally trying on him," he said.

Tancock expects there will be fewer than six witnesses called at MacKean's trial.

MacKean's lawyer, Mike Taylor, said dates will be set for trial and an update on disclosure will be provided when the case returns to Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Bridgewater on Aug. 22.

He said the preliminary hearing allowed them to explore the evidence and see what the complainant was going to say at trial.

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# Crosswalk committee seeking information on zebra stripes

**Watch for pedestrians.**  
New paint job for uncontrolled crosswalks could cost \$250,000

The city's fledgling crosswalk safety advisory committee has asked for a staff report on the cost of adding high-visibility zebra stripes to all 500 of the

city's "uncontrolled" crosswalks.

"The bare minimum safety standards that we're currently using ... is two lines and two signs, which I don't think is good enough," said Coun. Darren Fisher, who tabled the motion Thursday.

A previous staff report from 2010 examined the cost of adding the zebra stripes to the city's controlled cross-

walks — those with a stop sign or stop light — and estimated the cost at about \$44,000.

Deputy traffic authority Taso Koutroulakis told the committee the figure would likely balloon to about \$250,000 for uncontrolled crosswalks.

He said the zebra stripes are currently recommended for use at uncontrolled school crosswalks only, but HRM's

traffic authority would consider them elsewhere — though he cautioned the committee to consider the best use of HRM's funds.

"We have a finite pot of money here that can be used to improve crosswalk safety. What is the best use of that pot of money?" he said. "As we're going along, I would suggest we could do trials, we could do before-and-after measure-

ments and see what works."

Earlier in the meeting, Koutroulakis outlined the national standards now used to determine whether a crosswalk is needed at any given location, which includes a minimum of 15 "adult equivalents" crossing the street every hour for seven consecutive hours, or more than 1,500 vehicles using the location per day. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO





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# Raptors making fall return to Halifax

**Basketball fans rejoice.** T.O. team's October visit to include intrasquad game raising money for local programs



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The Toronto Raptors are returning to Halifax this fall.

The team announced Thursday it will host practices and an intrasquad game in the city on Oct. 4 and 5. The two-day visit is part of the Raptors' travelling training camp.

"Halifax was a great, great host for our team last year," said Raptors head coach Dwane Casey on a conference call. "It offers state-of-the-art

facilities, (and) the opportunity to continue to grow the game of basketball across the country, so we wanted to make sure we got back there this year."

As with last year, when the team held a portion of its training camp in Halifax from Oct. 1 to 6, the Raptors will conduct each of their two practices, which will be closed to the public, at the Canada

Games Centre.

"Unfortunately, with the NBA there are a lot of rules and regulations as far as how many people we can allow in, that type of thing," said Casey. "All those practices can't be open. We would love to stay for the week, but the schedule doesn't permit (that)."

The team will hold an intrasquad game at the Metro Centre on Oct. 5 at noon. A

## Community spirit

**"It's our way of giving back.... We're going to do a lot of things for the community while we're there."**

Raptors head coach Dwane Casey

voluntary donation of \$10 per ticket is suggested for ad-

mission to the game. Money raised will go to Feed Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Education Program, KidSport Nova Scotia and YWCA Supportive Housing for Young Mothers.

The Raptors Basketball Development team will hold two youth basketball clinics for 200 local athletes, as well as a mentoring session for 40 local coaches.



The Toronto Raptors' DeMar DeRozan during last year's camp in Halifax.  
JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

## If you took the quit smoking drug CHAMPIX between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010, your rights could be affected by the certification of a class action. Please read carefully.

The Ontario Superior court has certified a class action for Canadians who took Champix between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010 and allegedly suffered certain reactions. The Representative Plaintiff is Kenneth Parker.

### What is the Class Action About?

The lawsuit seeks compensation for all class members. It alleges that, between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010, Pfizer Canada Inc. failed to adequately warn of the risk of certain psychiatric adverse events allegedly related to Champix.

Pfizer Canada Inc. denies the allegations, which have not been established, and is defending the lawsuit.

### Who is Included in the Class Action?

All persons in Canada who took Champix during the period from **April 2, 2007 to May 31, 2010** and who, while taking or after taking Champix to help quit smoking, experienced any of the psychiatric adverse events or symptoms listed below:

- thoughts about suicide or dying
- attempts to commit suicide
- new or worse depression, anxiety or panic attacks
- feeling very agitated or restless
- acting aggressive, being angry or violent
- acting on dangerous impulses
- an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
- abnormal thoughts or sensations
- seeing or hearing things that are not there (hallucinations)
- feeling people are against you (paranoia)
- feeling confused
- other unusual changes in behaviours

If you are a person who fits the above description, you are a member of the "Class". If you are a relative of a member of the Class who is entitled to make claims under any of the Dependents Statutes in Canada as a result of the death or personal injury of your relative, you are a member of the "Family Class".

If you are a Class member or Family Class member you do not need to do anything at this stage to participate – you are automatically included in the class action. You are encouraged however to contact Class Counsel for more information, and to discuss the steps necessary for preserving medical records that may be needed for any claim that may be advanced on your behalf.

### You Must Opt-Out if You Do Not Want to Participate

If you do not want to be part of this lawsuit you must notify Class Counsel at the address below, in writing, by no later than **September 20, 2013**, providing your name and address and indicating that you do not want to be part of this lawsuit.

If you are a Class member or a Family Class member and do not exclude yourself by that date you will be included in this lawsuit and will be forever bound by the court's judgment on the common issues, whether favourable or not.

### What are the Financial Consequences?

If the action is not successful on the common issues, no class member will be responsible for legal fees or costs. The Representative Plaintiff has entered into a contingency fee agreement with Class Counsel for the legal work on the common issues. Class Counsel will be paid only if the action is successful.

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### Daniel Brownlow

## Ex-Dartmouth mayor dead at 93

The man who served three terms as mayor of Dartmouth has passed away.

Daniel Brownlow died in hospital this week at the age of 93.

He was elected to the mayor's office in 1976 and served until his retirement from politics in 1985.

PC party leader Jamie Baillie called Brownlow a "calm, respectful leader" in a release offering condolences to Brownlow's family.

"Mayor Brownlow was a true gentleman, who served the people of Dartmouth with great integrity and commitment," states Baillie in the release.

Brownlow is survived by four sons. **METRO**

### \$32K in funding

## Glooscap First Nation gets federal money for upgrades

Glooscap First Nation will receive federal funding to improve the community youth centre and band office building.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay announced \$32,000 in Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency funding to add washrooms and a septic system to the youth centre. As well, the Band Administration Office building will have an upgraded air and temperature control system installed and the outdoor fitness facility will get a permanent roof.

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# Halifax, bring your Pride enthusiasm this weekend

**Garrison Grounds bound.** More than 100K people expected for downtown parade

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There may not be sunshine in the forecast, but the rain shouldn't dampen anyone's spirit at this year's Halifax Pride Parade.

The 26th edition of the parade gets underway in downtown Halifax on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. — and with at least 130 entrants — organizers expect it to be as vibrant and colourful as ever.

"I would bring as much enthusiasm as you could possibly muster because there's great music, great artistic floats, it's a great time," said Kathy Walsh, chair of Halifax

Pride.

With new community groups participating this year and 131 total participants, Walsh said the public should expect to see Halifax at its most enthusiastic. The parade aims to embrace the diversity and variety of life in HRM.

"It celebrates our culture and all aspects of the GLBTQ and two-spirited culture. Those corporate floats employ our community supporters and allies," said Walsh.

The parade's theme this year is Your City, Your Pride, and includes participants from across HRM, and even Canada. Toronto Pride is hosting the 2014 World Pride celebrations and they're sending down a contingent to march in Saturday's parade.

"That's a big deal, for Toronto Pride to recognize the importance of Halifax Pride in the global sense of World

## Parade route

- On to Barrington Street from Cogswell Interchange.
- Down Barrington and right onto Spring Garden Road.
- Down Spring Garden and right onto South Park Street until the Garrison Grounds.

Pride," Walsh said.

The parade begins on Barrington Street by the Cogswell Interchange and finishes around 3 p.m. at Garrison Grounds, where celebrations continue at a tented outdoor community fair.

The free fair includes performances from Heather Green, Kelly and the Kelly Girls, and Big Fish.



A participant in a recent Halifax Pride parade waves the pride colours. METRO FILE



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# Waves, historic forts set scene for music fest

**Georges Island.** Trews, Classified to headline



**HALEY RYAN**  
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This weekend, Halifax's hottest stage is surrounded by salty air, waves and historic forts.

After Hey Rosetta! was a hit performing on Georges Island last summer, organizer Derek Martin decided to expand the show into a two-day festival of Nova Scotia talent.

"This is all about the experience," said Martin, president of Sports & Entertainment Atlantic. "You get to basically party

## Lineup



• **Saturday lineup:** Sticks, Rich Aucoin, DJ DEZZA, Classified

• **Sunday lineup:** The Town Heroes, Gloryhound, The Stanfields, The Trews

night going."

Martin said he wanted to keep the artists "Nova Scotia-centric" this year, and designed Saturday as a dance show with headliner Classified, while rock fans will be drawn to The Trews on Sunday.

He said there are tickets available for both days at \$35 apiece, which he recommends buying online so you can pick a departure time for the island.

"It's such a unique and different kind of venue than anything you've ever been to before," Martin said.

Starting around 11 a.m. both days, boats leave from Bishop's Landing.

Tickets are available at sea. [etixnow.com](http://etixnow.com).

on the island for a few hours with a bunch of your friends, and then hop on a boat and come back to the city with plenty of time to keep your



## Battle of the bots

Gregory Dunn, left, and Maximilian Wawer repair H2O Bot at Dalhousie's Robot Firefighter competition. They competed against other engineering students to program a robot that could navigate an obstacle course.

EVAN MCINTYRE/FOR METRO

# Raiders of the Lost Ark showing delayed by rain

The show will go on, just a day later than originally planned.

The Atlantic Film Festival has moved Friday's scheduled showing of Raiders of the Lost Ark on the Halifax waterfront to Saturday at dusk because of the expected wet weather.

The blockbuster film is being shown as part of AFF's Summer of Spielberg outdoor film series, which began last week with E.T.

The films are projected onto a huge outdoor screen behind the Emera building, with gate opening one hour

before show time.

The rest of the film series sees Jaws shown on Aug. 2, Catch Me If You Can on Aug. 9, Jurassic Park on Aug. 16 and viewers' choice between Minority Report, War of the Worlds, and Close Encounters of the Third Kind on Aug. 23. **METRO**





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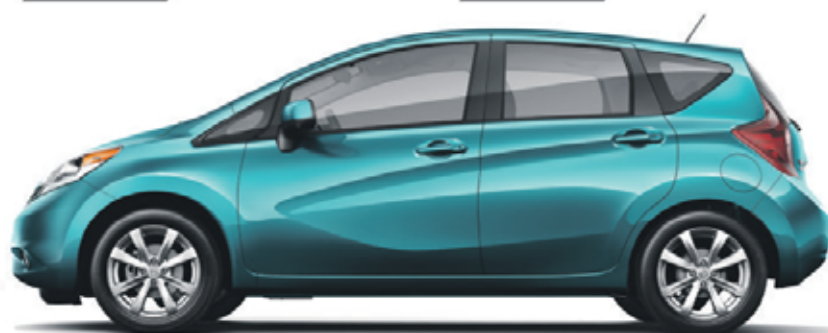
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## Elliot Lake collapse. Mall owner admits he could have fixed eroding roof

The owner of the crumbling Algo Centre Mall admitted Thursday he actually had the cash to fix the leaking roof but chose not to because it would have meant pouring money down the drain.

Testifying for a third day at the inquiry into the deadly collapse of the Elliot Lake, Ont., mall, Bob Nazarian said he sold a property he owned in 2009 — four years after he purchased the mall — then spent \$2.6 million to buy another.

Why, commission counsel Peter Doody asked, didn't he instead put that money into fixing the roof?

"Because," Nazarian said. "Because why?"

"The Algo Mall was a black hole. No matter how much money you put in ... that mall was doomed," Nazarian responded.

"Simply, I would not put my life in it. I worked 42 years to gather some (funds) for my family. I'm not going to put everything in this building."

The stunning admission came after days of testimony about how Nazarian had been desperate to finance repairs to the leaking roof, which caved in last summer, killing two women. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Rescue workers remove their hard hats as firefighters carry a second body out of the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake on June 27, 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Drunk driving. MacKay hints at law changes

The new federal justice minister says the Conservative government is considering changes to impaired driving legislation in the Criminal Code.

But Peter MacKay, who only took over the portfolio earlier this month, wouldn't say exactly what is being pondered as he headed into a meeting with crime victims in Edmonton.

"I can tell you I did numerous trials on impaired driving

cases, first as a defence lawyer and then prosecuting cases," MacKay said Thursday, recalling his time working as a lawyer in Nova Scotia.

"I recall vividly a judge making a statement in a trial that I was prosecuting to the accused that driving down the road while under the effect of drugs or alcohol is no different than pointing a gun at another human being."

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# Police look to arrest gore-website owner

**Luka Magnotta video.** Edmonton police try to track down missing Mark Marek, who was granted bail despite being called a flight risk



ANNALISE KLINGBEIL  
Metro in Edmonton

Edmonton police have issued a warrant for the arrest of Mark Marek, the "elusive" owner and operator of a gore website, who was charged with corrupting morals earlier this month.

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating the 38-year-old, who was charged on July 17 for allegedly posting a graphic murder video online last spring that was sent to him by Luka Magnotta.

Police allege the video, titled 1 Lunatic, 1 Ice Pick, depicts the murder of university student

Jun Lin, whose severed body parts were mailed across the country in the spring of 2012.

Marek appeared in court via CCTV on July 18. He was released on \$7,500 bail and given a host of conditions to abide by, including not accessing the Internet.

At the time, Crown prosecutor Julie Roy said Marek was a flight risk and noted that when he was arrested, he was carrying his passport and \$18,000 in cash.

Police said on Thursday that Marek had breached conditions of his bail and cannot be found.

A police spokesperson said when probation officers did a check at an address provided by Marek, he was not there.

Marek was arrested in Edmonton earlier this month after a lengthy investigation.

"This was a very long investigation. Basically our suspect was very elusive," EPS Staff Sgt. Bill Clark told reporters on July 17.



Mark Marek, 38, is described by police as Caucasian, about six feet tall, 230 lbs., and originally having light brown hair. He has blue eyes, wears an earring in his left ear and speaks with a Slavic accent. EDMONTON POLICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Ottawa prison

## Harassed gay jail guard given \$98K

A former jail guard who endured "profoundly humiliating" homophobic harassment at an Ottawa prison has been granted what a grievance board called its largest-ever award for a human rights breach.

Robert Ranger worked at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre from 1998 to 2002, when he left because he said he couldn't take the

taunts and gay slurs. Eventually, he went on long-term disability, suffering from depression and anxiety attacks to this day.

The Grievance Settlement Board, which handles complaints from Ontario public servants, this week ordered the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to pay Ranger \$98,000 in compensation.

It is a large amount, vice-chair Deborah Leighton said in her decision, but it is an attempt to restore Ranger's dignity. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Scientists enthralled

## Arctic cyclone chews up sea ice

Arctic scientists are watching in awe this week as a raging summer cyclone tears up what could become a record amount of rotting northern sea ice.

"We're really watching this year with a lot of fascination," said Matthew Asplin, an Arctic climatologist at the University of Manitoba.

Arctic cyclones are driven by low-pressure systems in

which winds of up to 100 km/h blow counter-clockwise in spirals more than 1,000 kilometres across. They occur in both winter and summer, but are usually stronger in winter.

Cyclones are not unusual in the Arctic, but seem to be changing in recent years, said David Barber, one of Canada's top sea-ice experts.

"These cyclones are not getting more frequent, but they are getting deeper — which means stronger," he said.

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## Paying it forward. Good Samaritans spread some caffeinated cheer

Coffee was flowing free for hundreds of Canadians at three Tim Hortons locations Thursday as the act of one Good Samaritan appeared to precipitate a wave of copycat java generosity.

Since Monday at least five cases of coffee philanthropy have been reported: One each in Red Deer, Alta., Calgary and Ottawa, and two in Edmonton.

The first donation happened on Monday, when a young man in his mid-to-late 20s walked into Tim Hortons in downtown Edmonton and ordered a large double-double and a Boston cream doughnut.

And large coffees for the next 500 customers.

As news spread on social media, some skeptics speculated that the donations were part of an elaborate publicity stunt by the coffee chain.

### Java generosity

**"If ever there was going to be a copycat this is the one you would want."**

Tim Hortons spokeswoman  
Michelle Robichau

But Tim Hortons spokeswoman Michelle Robichau said that's not the case.

"As brilliant as this is I can assure you that Tim Hortons has nothing to do with the Good Samaritans that have been purchasing coffees across the country," she said.

Michael Nilsen from the Association of Fundraising Professionals, which creates philanthropic guidelines, said the idea of being charitable can be very contagious. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Presents for a prince. Mukluks, blanket among Canadian gifts

It may be a while before Prince George pays a visit to Canada, but the country's future king already has plenty of symbolic hometown mementoes.

On their official website, Prince William and his wife, Kate, expressed gratefulness for the gifts they've already received for their newborn son but suggest well-wishers instead support those in need, such as a local children's charity.

Canada appears to be heeding the call. Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a donation by the government of \$100,000 to a Canadian child-focused charity to be named at a later date.

The young prince could soon be swathed in a Canadian handcrafted blanket, an additional gift Harper said is "reflective of our country's rich and diverse culture."

Fashioned from cream-coloured qiviut (muskox

wool) with a white border, the Canadian coat of arms and Prince George's birthdate will be embroidered on the blanket, which is in the process of being made.

"These gifts symbolize our warm ties to our Royal Family, honouring our close and enduring relationship," Harper said in a statement Thursday.

Harper and his wife, Laureen, and Gov. Gen. David Johnston and his wife, Sharon, are also offering a personal present to the infant heir to the throne: A selection of Canadian children's books in both official languages.

Classics like Le chandail de hockey (The Hockey Sweater) by Roch Carrier and Love You Forever by Robert Munsch are among the hometown titles being sent to the Prince of Cambridge.

**Manitobah Mukluks, a gift from Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.**  
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Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne at the Council of the Federation summer meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., on Thursday. AARON LYNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Premiers to fight job training plan

### Controversy.

**New scheme would require provinces to cough up more than half a billion dollars**

Canada's provincial and territorial leaders vowed Thursday to fight Ottawa's controversial plan to fund jobs training for workers, saying the new scheme would require them to come up with more than half a billion dollars in extra cash.

There's concern across the

board over the Canada Job Grant, said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is hosting the Council of the Federation meeting.

The Harper government wants to divert some of the money it gives to the provinces and territories to the new program, which would provide a grant of \$15,000 per worker. The provinces and territories, as well as the employers, would each kick in \$5,000.

But the premiers are worried that it won't give them enough flexibility to direct the money where it's needed most

### Premiers' response

**"There really was a very strong feeling that the program as it exists won't work."**

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne

and could jeopardize existing provincially run programs. Small businesses aren't interested in taking part in this program either, Wynne said.

The provinces and territories, which have jurisdiction for skills training and labour market programs, would

have to find more than \$600 million to maintain their current programs as well as match the cost of the Canada Job Grant, they said in a joint statement Thursday.

"Premiers reiterated that federal funding agreements or initiatives such as the proposed Canada Job Grant must allow jurisdictions to opt out, with full compensation," it said.

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark and New Brunswick Premier David Alward will look into the issue and report back to their counterparts this fall, said Wynne.

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# Protester faces \$16K bill for blockade

A First Nations protester is facing a bill of more than \$16,000 in damages to CN Rail over a rail blockade in southwestern Ontario last winter as part of Idle No More protests.

An Ontario Superior Court judge ordered Ron Plain, 51, of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation, to pay the damages in a decision released Tuesday.

Plain was accused of ignor-

ing a court injunction to stop involvement in a 13-day blockade of the railway near Sarnia, Ont., over the New Year in support of a hunger protest by Chief Theresa Spence of Attawapiskat First Nation.

CN Rail was seeking \$50,000 in financial compensation for the blockade, but says it's happy with the amount awarded.

"CN is pleased that the ruling underscores the importance of the principle that everyone must abide by the rule of law," said spokesman Jim Feeny.

The company had said they would commit the money to their aboriginal scholarship fund. They will now discuss the proposal with the local First Nations community, Feeny said.

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### The ruling

**"This was a brief, yet flagrant, breach of a court order in a peaceful protest, which caused no property damage."**

Justice Bruce G. Thomas, in his ruling





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## Bulgaria. Officials release name, face of Canadian accused in bus bombing

Bulgarian authorities distributed on Thursday the names and images of two wanted suspects — one of them Canadian — involved in a bomb attack that killed five Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian bus driver last year.

The first alleged terrorist is identified as Meliad Farah, also known as Hussein Hussein, an Australian citizen born Nov. 5, 1980. The second is Hassan El Hajj Hassan, a Canadian citizen born March 22, 1988, according to a statement of the interior ministry.

Canada's Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said in February that one of the suspects was born in Lebanon, came to Canada at age eight, became a Canadian citizen and then left at age 12. He said he assumed the man was a dual Lebanese-Canadian citizen.



Hassan El Hajj Hassan CONTRIBUTED

"I understand he may have been back to Canada a few times since then, but he has not been a habitual resident in Canada since the age of 12," Kenney said.

A third suspect, a suicide bomber who died on the scene, has not been identified.

In February, Bulgarian authorities said there were reasons to believe that the suspects were members of the militant wing of Hezbollah. Last week, Minister Yovchev said there were "clear signs that say that Hezbollah was behind the bus bombing."

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## Lac-Mégantic disaster. Police raid railway office as company stays silent

Quebec provincial police have raided an office belonging to the railway involved in the Lac-Mégantic disaster, adding to a growing pile of legal concerns for the U.S. company.

Investigators searched for clues Thursday inside the Farnham branch of Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway (MMA) as part of their ongoing criminal probe into the derailment.

Farnham, a town between Montreal and Lac-Mégantic, is also the home of Tom Harding, the engineer of the train.

Lac-Mégantic's mayor announced earlier this week she had sent a lawyer's letter to MMA, demanding that it immediately reimburse the town \$4 million for environmental cleanup costs.

### Getting comfy

"We'll be in Farnham as long as it takes to gather all the evidence we're looking for there."

Quebec provincial police Insp. Michel Forget

Colette Roy-Laroche alleged the community had to pick up the tab for MMA because it failed to pay companies it had hired to mop up spilled oil.

The letter told the company it had 48 hours — or until noon Thursday — to respond.

A few hours after the deadline passed, Roy-Laroche told reporters that Lac-Mégantic never heard from MMA.

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### Dublin

## Man's body left to rot in occupied home for years

Irish police say a dead man's badly decomposed remains have been found in an occupied Dublin house and may have lain there, undisturbed, for four years.

Thursday's macabre discovery in the inner-city district of Phibsborough follows renovations to the

property.

Police say the house's residents were illegal squatters and drug users.

They say the previous tenant may have died during a fire at the property in 2009, but his body was not seen by firefighters and eventually obscured by a broken piece of furniture.

A pathologist says the man appears to have died from natural causes, and DNA and dental records may be needed to identify him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This image taken from security camera video shows a train derailed in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, on Wednesday. Investigators tried to determine Thursday why the passenger train jumped the tracks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Train likely went twice speed limit

**Spain derailment.** Reason still unknown as authorities wait to question injured driver

A Spanish train that hurtled off the rails and smashed into a security wall was going so fast that carriages tumbled off the tracks like dominoes, killing 80 people and maiming dozens more, according to eyewitness accounts and video footage obtained Thursday.

An Associated Press analysis of video images suggests the train may have been trav-

elling at twice the speed limit or more along that curved stretch of track. The unanswered question is: why?

Spain's government said two probes have been launched into the train's derailment Wednesday night on its approach to a Christian festival city in northwest Spain.

The regional government in Galicia confirmed that police planned to question the 52-year-old train driver, in Santiago de Compostela's main hospital with unspecified injuries, as both a witness and as a possible suspect, but cautioned that possible faults in safety equipment were also

### 80 km/h limit

## 192 km/h

The highest estimate of the train's speed based on an examination of video images.

being investigated.

Eyewitness accounts backed by security-camera footage suggested that the eight-carriage train was going too fast as it tried to turn left underneath a road bridge. Spanish officials said the speed limit on that section of track is 80 km/h.

An Associated Press es-

timate of the train's speed using the time stamp of the video and the estimated distance between two pylons gives a range of 144 to 192 km/h. Another estimate calculated on the basis of the typical distance between railroad ties gives a range of 156 to 182 km/h.

Train company Renfe identified the driver, Francisco Jose Garzon Amo, as a 30-year employee. Renfe's president, Julio Gomez-Pomar Rodriguez, told the Cadena Cope radio network that the driver had worked on that route for more than a year.

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## Spain enters three days of mourning

### Changed forever

"July 24 will no longer be the eve of a day of celebration."

Alberto Nunez Feijoo, regional president of Galicia, of which Santiago de Compostela is the capital

Santiago officials had been preparing for the city's celebrated Catholic festival

Thursday but cancelled it and took control of the city's main indoor sports arena to use as a makeshift morgue.

In the morning, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, a native of Santiago de Compostela, toured the crash scene and went to a nearby hospital to visit the wounded. In the evening, King Carlos and Queen Sofia went to the same hospital, dressed in funeral black. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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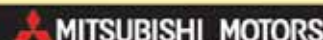
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# BlackBerry cuts 250 jobs at test facility

**Waterloo, Ont.** Layoffs are part of next stage of turnaround plan, firm says

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BlackBerry shares fell below \$10 earlier this month for the first time since last year. The company has been under pressure since it posted quarterly results last month that fell short of analysts' expectations.

BlackBerry has given layoff notices to 250 workers at its product testing facility in Waterloo, Ont., where the global smartphone company is based.

The employees, who supported the company's manufacturing, research and development efforts, were notified on Tuesday. "This is part of the next stage of our turnaround plan to increase efficiencies and scale our company correctly for new opportunities in mobile computing. We will be as transparent as possible as those plans evolve," the company said in an email.

The company announced plans last year to cut about 5,000 employees as part of its restructuring efforts.

BlackBerry is trying to recover a stronger position in the highly competitive smartphone market with its new BlackBerry 10 line of phones and operating system.

At the company's annual general meeting this month, CEO Thorsten Heins told shareholders that BlackBerry is in the

midst of a "complex transition" that included a three-stage plan to become profitable again.

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Since that report, analysts have become increasingly focused on whether BlackBerry will be able to successfully re-establish itself as a major player in the smartphone industry, which itself is facing headwinds.

Heins has hinted at products that could hit stores before the end of this year, but the company hasn't announced anything specific. It's widely expected the company will unveil a smaller-sized tablet device to fill the void left by its decision to no longer update the PlayBook. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## A glimpse inside the Netflix war room

What does it look like when Netflix launches a new series? This glimpse into a conference room at the streaming service's Los Gatos, Calif., headquarters earlier this month shows employees checking that the debut of *Orange Is the New Black* — an offbeat drama set in a women's prison — is proceeding trouble-free. In the so-called war room, engineers are flanked by nine screens: one scrolls through tweets mentioning the new series, and another lists some of Netflix's most closely guarded information — the rankings of videos that are attracting the most viewers on an hourly basis. The night's main mission was to ensure each installment of *Orange* is properly coded so the series can be watched on any of the 800 Internet-connected devices compatible with Netflix's service. Before the summer is over, employees will return for another late night in the war room to troubleshoot the Sept. 12 debut of Netflix's next original series, *Derek*. **MICHAEL LIEDTKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Television. Survey highlights grim reality of job conditions

The market for reality television has exploded, with Canadian versions of *The Amazing Race*, *Storage Wars*, *Big Brother* and *The Bachelor* all competing for viewer attention.

But workers in the industry say they are being overlooked by some production companies intent on profits over the interests of their workers.

An exclusive first look by Torstar News Service at interim results of a survey taken by the Canadian Media Guild say workers complain that long hours, lack of security and benefits are some of the big issues that need to be addressed in the burgeoning industry.

"Factual TV is the new frontier and the business has really

grown, which is great. But the downside to this is some workers who are saying that they've given their blood, sweat and tears in an industry that is open to abuse," says Karen Wirsig of the Canadian Media Guild.

The union decided to conduct a survey after being approached by reality TV workers about working conditions, Wirsig says.

While long hours and demanding conditions are not unusual in the film and television industry, reality TV productions typically have smaller budgets, hire more freelancers and work on tighter deadlines, which could exacerbate poor working conditions, says the union.

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## Ads. Condom commercial is too hot for Pakistani regulators

Pakistan's media regulatory agency has banned a condom commercial starring a Pakistani model after it received hundreds of complaints the ad was too racy, a senior official said Thursday.

The 50-second television commercial shows a Pakistani couple wondering why their neighbour's new bride, the model and actress Mathira Mohammed playing herself, is working so hard to keep her husband happy. When asked about his secret, the neighbour smiles and holds up a pack of condoms made by Josh, which means excitement in Urdu.

"Bring Josh into your life," the neighbour says, just before explosions flash behind boxes



Pakistani model and actress Mathira Mohammed appears in a banned ad for Josh condoms. **SCREENGRAB/YOUTUBE**

of condoms on the screen.

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# STOLEN: ONE PIANO, SOME DIGNITY

**1 Humble beginnings.** As the Duchess of Cambridge pushed forth the fruit of the royal loom, global media granted her highness a rare modicum of privacy, foregoing details regarding distress of her sovereign regions or straining of the royal bosom. Nay, but whilst the revelation of the imperial moniker, George Alexander Louis, stirred such zeal amidst the multitudes, I reflected thusly to myself: "Why am I still watching this?"

**2 Politics.** British Prime Minister David Cameron announced a novel endeavour to filter out Internet pornography for his citizens. After all, everyone knows that most of the salacious content that appears on-screen arrives unsolicited and if not for Cameron, this material would continue to present itself to innocent husbands, boyfriends and teenagers. Well cheerio, good sir. And good luck getting re-elected.

**3 Sext-posed.** In 2011, a sexting scandal forced Anthony Weiner to resign from U.S. Congress. Now running for mayor of New York City, he's still sexting, but refuses to withdraw his candidacy.



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**Mike Benhaim**  
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After all, his wife remains staunchly by his side saying, "Yes, he's made mistakes, but he's apologized. Sure, he made them again repeatedly, but I love him. Besides how do you think we met?"

**4 Got it.** Selena Gomez turned 21 this week and celebrated by legally having her first alcoholic drink. More importantly, every adult male that has seen Gomez's video Come And Get It, can now officially stop feeling dirty.

**5 Bynes some time.** Amanda Bynes is being held for mental evaluation after allegedly starting a fire in a California resident's driveway. Oh, so now a few nasty tweets, one little hit-and-run, bong out a window, shave your head, wear a crazy wig to court, start a small fire in the driveway, and suddenly you're crazy?

**6 Who's coming?** Scientists at Imperial College London have designed a concept mission to land astronauts on Mars. There has been news of other such missions over the last year, making me wonder why the major world governments keep telling us that global warming is not that big an issue, but seem to be fervently

searching for other options. Here's the scary part: They'll use our tax dollars in the name of progress, but you know they're not taking all of us, right?

**7 Fine-tuning.** Last week, two men walked out with Toronto General Hospital's baby grand piano at one o'clock in the afternoon. I don't have much to add except that I once got caught stealing a candy from the bulk bin while shopping at Loblaws.

**8 This week in 1996.** The Spice Girls scored their first U.K. No. 1 with Wannabe. It would sell more than six million copies and win an award for best British-written single. "So tell me what you want, what you really really want. I wanna really, really wanna zig-a-zig-ah." Best-written single indeed.

**9 Take a bow.** This week saw the untimely end of character actor Dennis Farina. Farina, who played cops and criminals alike, actually worked as a Chicago police officer for 18 years. Some will remember him from Law & Order, and others from films like Get Shorty and Saving Private Ryan, but to me, he'll always be Cousin Avy from Snatch. Rest in peace, bub-beleh, we'll miss you.

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## ZOOM

### This'll ruffle a few feathers



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#### Giant cockerel takes its perch

A gargantuan electric blue cockerel has been unveiled on a plinth in London's most iconic city square. Hahn/Cock, a 4.72-metre-high fibreglass sculpture by German artist Katharina Fritsch, is perched next to sombre military monuments in Trafalgar Square and is meant to symbolize regeneration and rebirth. **METRO**

#### Double meaning

- The sculpture's title "hahn," German for "cock," carries the same double meaning as in English and is a deliberate double entendre.
- It mimics the Gallic rooster, the unofficial national symbol of France, yet is placed on a square that commemorates Britain's 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, a naval victory over France.

#### Artist's viewpoint



"I am making an image of a male animal."

Women are getting more and more into the active role, they determine things, they make their way."

German sculptor Katharina Fritsch

#### Tough critics



"It's very ugly – a massive eye-sore. But that's

modern art for you, something big and controversial — but I would like to try and climb up the cockerel."

Julia Llauro, 19, journalism student

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#### Letters and comments

RE: Shaming The Couch Critics, published July 24

Glib references to "banging the cafeteria lady at the YMCA" are never OK, even in the spirit Benhaim intended.

The point is undermined — and readers are alienated. Disappointed to find this kind of tone in what is usually a fine column marked by smart and sensitive writing.

Janet Gunn, Toronto

Well said. It's the old freak show made new. You have to have a certain personality to do this even for money. Shamama posted to metronews.ca

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## Synopsis

Brandy Klark (Aubrey Plaza) is an overachiever. She's the publisher of her own magazine, *Women With a Y*, a straight-A student with a full scholarship to Georgetown University and her high school valedictorian. She's also a virgin, a status she hopes to change soon with the help of Rusty Waters (Scott Porter), a college surfer stud. Attacking her new project with the gusto that won her accolades in school, she gets the advice of friends and family (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Alia Shawkat, Sarah Steele and Rachel Bilson) and makes up a sex "to do" list, applying the zeal that made her a mathlete.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●



Aubrey Plaza, left, and Rachel Bilson star in *The To Do List*. HANDOUT

## Reel Guys

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# Let's talk about sex

**The To Do List.** Teen sex comedy genre gets a gender twist as the female becomes the hunter looking for bedpost notches

**Richard:** Mark, if you're of the generation familiar with *Snackwells* and *skorts*, then this movie may resonate a little louder for you than it did for me. It's a cleverly drawn coming-of-age picture, set in 1993, that gets the tone of the times right — *skorts* and all — but it left me feeling as though I was watching a throwback to the sex comedies of the early '90s filtered through a 2013 lens. In other

words, less innocence, more bodily fluids. What did you think?

**Mark:** One of the things I love about movies is how much you can learn from them. Richard, I had no idea how tough it is for an attractive young woman to lose her virginity! Well, live and loin. Switching the gender roles and making the teenage girl the aggressor was a nice touch, and setting it in 1993 made its pre-Internet sexuality seem almost believable. It's John Hughes with an R rating — not a bad thing. What did you think of Aubrey Plaza?

**RC:** I like Aubrey Plaza. I think if this part had been played by anyone else — im-

agine Emma Stone or Imogen Poots — it would have lost some of its charm. Plaza is naturally off balance, so the stranger moments of this movie don't feel forced or quirky for the sake of being quirky. As I said earlier, I didn't much go for some of the bodily fluid gags — or the gross *Caddyshack* tribute — but Plaza trying to vamp it up in an ill-fitting bathing suit is a really funny scene.

**MB:** I liked Aubrey Plaza too. She was just gawky enough to make the movie seem credible. In fact, the whole movie is well cast. Bill Hader has lots of great moments, and Plaza's two girlfriends are not the typical cuties you usually find in a teen picture. I actually think there's another influ-

ence working on this picture — *Napoleon Dynamite*. From the Idaho setting to the oversaturated colours, quirky rhythms and simple cinematography, there's a lot the two movies have in common, although this one seems more overtly commercial.

**RC:** Maybe more commercial, but telling the story from a female point of view is a nice change from the usual boy-centric sex comedy story.

**MB:** Richard, in spite of what some people may think, I am not, nor have I ever been, a teenage girl. But I found I could relate to the story, because although it takes place in 1993, it takes place in Boise, Idaho, which feels like 1973.

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## Career resurgence.

Comic legend Andrew Dice Clay finds new life with a book, movie, TV show — all stemming from a guest spot on *Entourage*

Andrew Dice Clay is on a roll. Or as the comedian sees it, enjoying a resurgence.

He's in Woody Allen's latest movie, *Blue Jasmine*; will judge a new syndicated TV talent show and see his autobiography published next spring, and is collaborating on a documentary about his life and career with *Entourage* creator Doug Ellin.

Add to that his guest shot on *Entourage* in its final season in 2011 and last December's Showtime standup special, *Andrew Dice Clay: Indestructible*, and it sounds like a comeback for Clay, 55, after a fallow period that included a brief 2009 stint on *Celebrity Apprentice*.

He looks at it otherwise. "I've always done things a little differently," said Clay, who became both popular and polarizing in the 1980s with his profane, raw standup routines, especially those with women as the topic.

Clay was so controversial — so misogynistic, angry detractors said — that his 1990 appearance as *Saturday Night Live* host prompted boycotts by series cast member Nora Dunn and scheduled musical guest Sinéad O'Connor.

He hasn't lost his onstage



Sally Hawkins, left, and Andrew Dice Clay star in the Woody Allen film, *Blue Jasmine*. The film will be released on July 26. CONTRIBUTED

## New book

Also scheduled for spring 2014 is his autobiography.

- **Book.** *The Filthy Truth*, from Simon & Schuster and co-authored by David Ritz, who's written books with Ray Charles and Don Rickles.

edge, still essaying the Dice-man persona that he calls the "ultimate rock and roll standup comedic hero," one that's equal parts swagger, black leather and middle-age pompadour. But Clay suggests that the culture is so altered that it has caught up with him, putting him in a

different light.

Women "have become the aggressors," he said. "When I say they're the most aggressive piglets ever, I don't say that with disrespect. I waited for this generation."

In conversation, Clay is so polite that before he introduces a racy thought he assures the listener that it's part of his onstage material, not rudeness.

He's eager to talk about his sons, Max, 22, and Dylan, 18, who Clay says took centre stage in his life after he went through a divorce about a decade ago. Both boys are pursuing entertainment industry careers and, together, have a band called L.A. Rocks.

"I felt it was really more important to raise my sons

properly than make career moves," Clay said. "I did the clubs, did theatre, but didn't make any kind of moves to have this resurgence until they were old enough."

The *Diceman* as devoted dad?

"My persona is one thing. Who I am off stage as a human being is really different," said Clay. He's a relative newwed, married three years to Valerie Vasquez, 29 ("I'm crazy about her").

Allen spotted him on *Entourage*, Clay said, leading to his role as a divorced blue-collar dad in *Blue Jasmine*, which has been singled out by some critics (*Variety* called him "an especially off-beat and rewarding casting choice"). **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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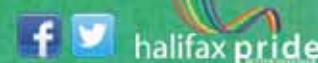
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# Was dark role a factor in actor's death?

**Cory Monteith.** Glee star wanted to tap into the troubles of his youth in his final film role — a young junkie on the run from police

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Cory Monteith's fatal relapse into heroin addiction might have been triggered by his last film role — that of a hustling drug addict — speculates a source close to the actor.

The insider, who spoke to Metro on condition of anonymity, said Monteith's death bears a lot of similarities to that of Heath Ledger, who died of a prescription pill overdose months after becoming consumed by his Oscar-winning role as the insane Joker in *The Dark Knight*.

Monteith portrayed Simon Weeks, a young junk-



A screen shot from Cory Monteith's last film, *McCanick*, in which he plays a junkie on the run from police. CONTRIBUTED

ie on the run from police, in *McCanick*, which was shot over three weeks in Philadelphia last September.

"It may or may not have put another step in this," says the source, who knew Monteith for most of his life.

McCanick's director, Josh C. Waller, told the Los Angeles Times after Monteith's sudden death that the Glee star had actively pursued the dark role, saying he wanted to "tap into things from his youth that he hadn't been able to use

as an actor yet."

By March, Monteith's Glee castmates realized he was using and staged an intervention, prompting him to enter rehab in April for a month.

The actor's associate says it's hard to know for



Heath Ledger died of an overdose months after his dark role in *The Dark Knight*. GETTY IMAGES

sure whether his role as a hard-core addict could have reignited his real-life addiction, which Monteith openly admitted to struggling with since his teens.

"That's the thing. If you do any acting or you do any acting classes, you get involved. You try to literally put yourself in their shoes," he says, "and it does help if you find a character within the character and

you become that, so it's not really acting. You're just being."

Waller told the Times he last saw Monteith a month ago, when they met to watch a finished cut of *McCanick*.

The film does not yet have a distributor, but it has been submitted for consideration to the Toronto Film Festival.

In an interview on a Philadelphia radio show during its filming last September, the director praised the 31-year-old's passion for the role, which was a stark contrast to his more innocent and widely known character, Finn Hudson, on *Glee*.

"I've got to say, on Cory's behalf, his commitment to this role is really different than anything I've certainly seen him do, and it's been amazing to watch him do this," Waller said.

Monteith died alone in a Vancouver hotel room July 13 after consuming a toxic combination of heroin and alcohol.

## Thriller



### The Wolverine

Director. James Mangold

Stars. Hugh Jackman, Rila Fukushima

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This may be the sixth time Hugh Jackman has mounded up his pointy mane to play the eponymous comic-book character but this latest version shows *The Wolverine* still has claws. Summoned to Japan by a dying, rich old friend, Wolverine winds up protecting an heiress from deadly yakuza, a toxin-spitting mutant and a (rather disappointing) giant samurai robot. Ridiculous as that sounds, *The Wolverine*'s more crafty sequences (especially atop a speeding bullet train) help amplify the action's unravelling tone. **STEVE GOW**

## Comedy/Drama



### The Way, Way Back

Directors. Nat Faxon, Jim Rash

Stars. Steve Carell, Sam Rockwell, Liam James

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This new dramedy starring Steve Carell, Sam Rockwell and Canadian actor Liam James sets the story in a beach resort where an introverted 14-year-old is trapped in a world of adults. It doesn't add anything new to the coming-of-age genre, but what it does, it does really well. The movie's main strength lies in the interesting way the characters interact. It's more than just another study of awkward teen behaviour. It's a sweet movie with genuine laughs. **RICHARD CROUSE**

## Film news

### New Zealand bans Elijah Wood flick

New Zealand banned a horror film starring Elijah Wood as a scalp-collecting serial killer from general release after the government deemed it too graphic and disturbing for the public.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification's action means *Maniac* — a remake of the 1980 slasher film about a killer who scalps his victims — cannot be screened anywhere other than film festivals or as part of academic study. DVDs of the film will not be allowed for sale. The government censor said in its classification that *Maniac*, which is shot entirely from the killer's point of view, contains graphic violence and "content that may disturb" and said a wide release of the film "is likely to be injurious to the public good."

The ban was condemned on Thursday by the film's distributor and organizers of the New Zealand International Film Festival, which will be screening the movie on Saturday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Gomez won't give press the reaction they crave

**New album.** In addition to declining to talk about Bieber, pop star won't rule out whether this will be her last musical effort

While her on-again, off-again beau Justin Bieber has made a

sport of angrily antagonizing the ever-present paparazzi, Selena Gomez rarely seems in danger of losing her poise amid the prying gaze of tabloid photographers.

But it's not because she condones their behaviour.

"I don't really want to give them what they want, you know?" the 21-year-old singer with the long, dark chocolate locks said in a recent inter-

view. "I don't agree with it (and) I don't like it. I want to go to the grocery store and hang out with my friends at the movies and not be bothered by grown men with cameras — that's awkward."

"But at the same time, it's a part of what I have to do and I have to sacrifice that, I guess. I just try to keep my head down because I know exactly what they want. They

want a reaction and I don't want to give it to them."

Indeed, the Disney-reared star always seemed especially calm in contrast to Bieber's perpetual storm — not that she'd talk about that, of course. Journalists were strictly forbidden from mentioning the Stratford, Ont., pop star's name in the interview, a point mentioned several times then punctuated



Selena Gomez. GETTY IMAGES

by the hulking body guard positioned by the hotel-room door.

Gomez, we're told, only wants to talk about Stars Dance, her fourth album overall and first without the backing band the Scene. And potentially her last.

She's not discounting a return to recording in the

future, but seems more intrigued by her future as an actress.

"This (music) industry's so fickle, you can't trust it — one day you're good, the next day you're gone. So that's the tricky part," she said. "I've been telling people that this might be my last record for a while." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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**SOUND CHECK**  
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### Lemming Trail/ Radiohead

In 1986, a new Oxford, U.K., band called On a Friday issued a nine-track demo cassette. Now that band is called Radiohead, and a copy of the cassette is expected to fetch big bucks at an auction in September.

### Get Back/Sirvana

When Paul McCartney played Seattle last week, he invited some special guests to the stage: Dave Grohl, Krist Novoselic and former Nirvana sideman Pat Smear. You call this Nirvana reunion "Sirvana," apparently. Magic.



### The Groupies/Er, some groupies

In 1969, a record featuring nothing but interviews with woman interested in sleeping with rock stars hit the stores. Fascinating cultural anthropology.



# The man behind Sharknado masterpiece

**#Sharknado.** OK, the movie might not win best picture, but it became a campy classic thanks in part to writer Thunder Levin

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If you have a television and a Twitter account, and you're not aware of the bizarre phenomenon that is Sharknado, then we can only imagine that you were in a temporary coma when the movie premiered on Syfy last week.

For those of you who have only recently re-joined the waking world (welcome back!) here's a quick primer: Sharknado is a movie about a freak tropical storm that somehow sucks man-eating sharks out of the ocean, whipping them into a cyclone of dead eyes and sharp teeth, and depositing them in downtown Los Angeles. Sharks, in a tornado. That's about the extent of it — it is somewhat brilliant in its absurd (so absurd) simplicity.

When Sharknado premiered, people lost their freakin' minds. Twitter almost

imploded, with #Sharknado generating about 5,000 tweets per minute over the course of a few hours. Because, dudes, Sharknado. We caught up with the man who wrote the damn thing, Thunder Levin, to ask, a few pertinent questions.

**OK, how the hell did you come up with the idea for a movie ... about sharks ... in a tornado. Take me through the process.**

I'm sorry to say the initial idea didn't come from me. I had been involved with a couple of films for The Asylum (the company that produces a lot of the Syfy movies) and they came to me and asked me to write a movie for them called Shark Storm, but it was going to be a fairly straight disaster movie and it didn't really interest me. Then, about a month later, they came back and asked me to write something called Sharknado. At least that's what I thought they said. I couldn't understand why the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would be battling sharks. But they explained, "No, Sharknado. As in a tornado filled with sharks!" They gave me a half page of notes and I said, "This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of and, as long as I can write it that way, I'm in!" The concept came to

them from Syfy, who apparently had received a pitch with that title from Anthony Ferrante. So the whole thing came full circle when I, in perhaps my dumbest career move ever, withdrew from directing the film and Anthony was hired to make it.

**Did you have any idea the kind of phenomenon this thing would be?**

Of course not. Who could have imagined all this?! I thought it would be a fun movie that people would have fun with. And once I saw the poster and tagline last November, and realized that the marketing of the film would tap into the same sense of fun I'd tried to put in the script, I thought we had a good chance to do fairly well. But I don't think anyone could have predicted the explosion

that occurred. It's just been unbelievable.

**Were you following #Sharknado on Twitter when the movie premiered? People were losing it.**

Yes, I was part of the live tweet that the Asylum had scheduled with some of the people behind the movie. The organized tweetcast got completely overwhelmed by the huge

public response. I'd look down to type a tweet and by the time I looked back up at the screen a couple of seconds later another 200 tweets would have come in. It was crazy.

**Do you think that, from here on out, you will always be known as the guy responsible for Sharknado?**

I guess that will be both my blessing and my curse.



Ian Ziering, second left, and Cassie Scerbo battle a shark in the Syfy original film Sharknado. The network is announcing a sequel to Sharknado, which became an instant campy classic. The new film premieres in 2014. CONTRIBUTED

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## Amanda Bynes' folks aim to legally step in and save their daughter from herself

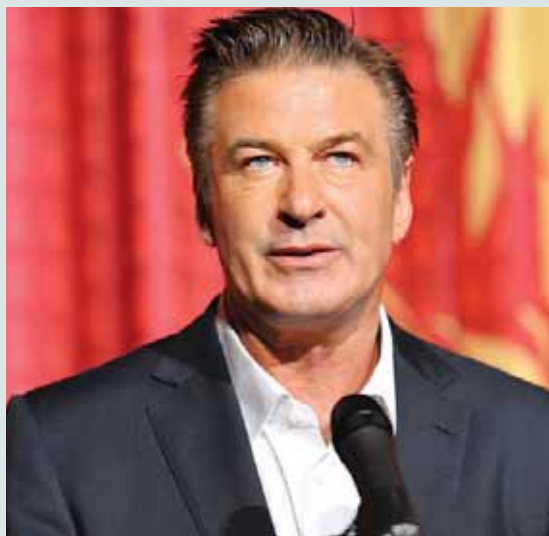
Amanda Bynes' parents, Rick and Lynn Bynes, are heading to court to request a temporary conservatorship of their troubled daughter, according to Radar Online. "Her parents will both be petitioning to be the temporary proposed conservators and want control of her personal and financial

affairs," a source says, adding that Rick and Lynn "are hopeful that the judge will take into consideration that she tried to start a fire in a stranger's driveway and burned her pants in the process. Her behaviour is completely unpredictable and she needs long-term mental health help."

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## Bristling Baldwin gives shamed Weiner a hard time

Alec Baldwin is no Anthony Weiner fan. The former 30 Rock Star is calling for the scandal-prone New York City mayoral candidate to withdraw from the race after it was revealed Weiner resumed his habit of sexually explicit online

conversations with women other than his wife after a similar scandal forced him to resign from Congress in 2011. "Weiner has only one problem that disqualifies him from the race and that is that he is clearly addicted to reckless behaviour," Baldwin writes in an opinion piece for the Huffington Post. "Weiner should quit, walk away, let some time wash over his reversals and re-emerge, another day, to attempt some future race for public office."



Toni Braxton

## Braxton's 12-year marriage ends amicably

It only took three years, but Toni Braxton has finalized her divorce from her husband of 12 years, Keri Lewis, after separating in 2009, according to E! News. "The couple has had an amicable split and will still both be actively involved in raising

their two sons, 11-year-old Denim and 10-year-old Diezel," her rep says in a statement. Braxton herself addressed the news on Twitter, posting simply, "Sometimes it takes a thousand tries to win."



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## Past Portugal's fortified sips



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Portugal's reputation as the

world's premier fortified winemaker hasn't done it any favours when it comes to promoting its other wines.

Port is polarizing, and I've been asked more than once if all Portuguese wines have spirit added.

The country has been making non-fortified reds, whites, rosés and sparklings

for centuries. None see a drop of spirit and all would get a lot more attention if it wasn't for their Spanish neighbours hogging all the Iberian Peninsula limelight.

Like all warmer climate countries, Portugal knows its way around a refreshing wine and Vinho Verde (or green wine) is its classic warm

weather white. Though the northern region that shares its name makes other colours, it's the chillable white version that the locals reach for when temperatures rise.

Made from an eclectic blend of indigenous fruit, the Gazela Vinho Verde (\$8.30 to \$12.49) is a relaxed, citrusy thirst-quencher with a light

lemony body, forward acidity and a zesty hint of fizz.

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# The anatomy of grilled cheese

When you were a child, you thought like a child: grilled cheese sandwiches were made from slices of Velveeta melted between slices of skillet-toasted white bread. Now that you are an adult, it's time to update the sandwich for a more grown-up palate.

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## Bread

Begin by using better bread. In place of the squishy white stuff, try something with more substance: thickly-cut slabs of flavourful sourdough, sweet brioche or crunchy baguette.

## Goeyness

Next, add interesting texture or flavours to the filling. Thin slices of sweet apple and jalapenos complement sourdough slices. The brioche makes a delicious breakfast or brunch when stuffed with sliced ham, sautéed mushrooms and a fried egg. A baguette yields a bruschetta-like grilled cheese sandwich when dressed with fresh basil leaves, pesto and tomato confit.

## Texture

You can use the fanciest, stinkiest, crumbliest cheese if you borrow a trick from food scientists at Kraft. Flip over a box of Velveeta and you'll find, among other ingredients, the reason it melts so uniformly: sodium citrate. This white, crystalline ingredient is a salt of citric acid. Buy sodium citrate at some brewer supply stores or order it online. Just dissolve 11 grams of sodium citrate into 1 1/8 cups (265 mm) of milk or water over medium heat, bring to a simmer, and gradually whisk in 285 grams of finely grated cheese (3 to 4 cups). As the cheese melts, the sodium citrate serves as an emulsifier and prevents the fat from splitting off to form a greasy slick on top. If possible, weigh the cheese because volumes can vary with the kind of cheese and fineness of grating.



## Aged White Cheddar on Sourdough with Apples

### For the cheese slices:

- 3 tsp (14 g) sodium citrate
- 1/2 cup (115 mm) water
- 6 cups (380 g) aged white cheddar cheese, grated

### For the sandwich:

- 8 slices sourdough bread, 1/2 inch thick
- 8 very thin slices apple
- 3 tbsp (30 g) thinly sliced jalapenos

Lightly oil a baking sheet and heat it in an oven set to its lower temperature.

In saucepan over medium heat, dissolve sodium citrate in water, then bring to simmer. Add grated cheese to simmering water a handful at a time while whisking until all of the cheese is completely melted.

Pour the melted cheese onto warmed baking sheet. Tip sheet back and forth to form single layer of even thickness. Cover cheese layer with plastic wrap, and place in the refrigerator until set, about 2 hours. Slice cheese into pieces.

When ready to prepare the sandwiches, heat a large, heavy skillet over medium.

Butter outward-facing sides of each bread slice, assemble sandwiches, each with slice of cheese, slice of apple and bit of jalapenos. Add a sandwich to the skillet and pan-fry until the bread is golden brown and the cheese is melted, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Repeat with remaining sandwiches.

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**On the rocks, or not?**

There are many tales of tangles with bartenders who refuse to serve whisky with ice. "If you can buy it, you can drink your whisky any way you want," says David Harris from Benromach Distillery in Forres in the Speyside region. "But ice locks the flavours out," he says, so you get less "information," less nuance. If the ingredients are likened to an orchestra, ice cancels out some of the instruments. "A drop or two of water opens the flavours up ... and if you drown it with too much water, you can always top it up," Harris adds. The party line: Drink it however you like, as long as you enjoy it.

- **Casks & Coopering.**

Speyside Cooperage is the last one in existence in the U.K., supplying most of the 50-plus distilleries in the region with casks for aging their world-famous product. Fifteen coopers and four apprentices renovate older oak casks in need of repair, fixing up to 30 per day. Cask-making goes back 5,000 years, but it wasn't until the 11th

century that the trade was organized into guilds. A "barrel" is actually a 36-gallon cask.

- **The Angels' Share.** Whisky that evaporates through the wood casks is known as the "angels' share," a loss that's impossible to predict or measure. The longer a cask sits, the more the whisky evaporates. That's why older whisky is more expensive, because customers have to pay for what the angels take.
- **The Scotch Whisky Experience.** Right outside the door to Edinburgh Castle is a very worthwhile pit stop, The Scotch Whisky Experience, where you'll ride inside an actual cask that winds its way through the whisky-making process and history. Fun and interactive, the tour finishes up with a dram — or iconic Scottish soft drink Iron Bru for the kids. The exhibit is also home to the largest collection of single malt whiskies in the world (3,384 bottles and counting), all varying in cost, rarity and type.

**Shaking things up****Whisky cocktail**

While purists may shudder, whisky is turning up on smart cocktail menus around the world. Here is a recipe for the Smokestack Manhattan from Rob Wilkie, head bartender at the Blythswood Square Hotel in Glasgow:

2 oz. Laphroaig 10 Year Old Whisky  
half oz. Campari  
half oz. Crème de Cacao  
1 oz. Red Dubonnet  
Mix and stir with ice, strain, then garnish with an orange twist.



# Everybody in the pub gettin' whisky

**It's time to imbibe.**

You can't go to Scotland without sampling some of its boozy fare — here are some tasting tips

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"You're in Scotland now — you can just call it whisky." Bartenders in Scotland are a patient lot when it comes to mixing Scotch whisky with tourists. And with 40 bottles of it sold worldwide every second, this is big business on a global scale. While the ingredients are simple — malt barley, water and yeast — the distilling process is an artform.

Whisky is aged in oak casks, obtained from bourbon distilleries in the U.S. (where it's required by law to only use a cask once) or from Spanish sherry-makers. This lends the whisky the flavours of the cask's previous occupant. Whiskies are either blended or single malts, produced in six Scottish regions, each with its own signature traits. To qualify as a single malt, whisky must be 1) made in Scotland, 2) bottled in Scotland, and 3) aged



Widdle away an afternoon with whisky. CONTRIBUTED BY TIM STEWART

at least three years. The age on the whisky label refers to the youngest whisky in the blend.

**Whisky regions**

**Speyside:** Home to the Malt Whisky Trail, this is the northern region on the banks of the River Spey between Inverness and Aberdeen, where more than half of Scotland's distilleries are found. Though hard to categorize because there are so many to choose from, these whiskies have a stronger character, with slightly smoky toffee and floral notes. The

concentration of distilleries here dates back to a time when whisky was illegal, and the moonshiners needed seclusion amongst the rolling hills and winding roads. It's also no coincidence that the water here is top notch.

**Highlands:** Essentially, all the area around Speyside. Lighter, sweeter flavours take the stage here, with more nutty and floral traits.

**Lowlands:** Everything south of the line between Edinburgh

and Glasgow. Whisky here is often triple-distilled, similar to Irish whiskey (note the different spelling), resulting in a lighter, smooth and mild taste.

**Islay:** Distilleries on this island off the west coast employ peat to dry the barley, which imparts a heavier, smoky, salty flavour.

**Island:** This region includes the other islands of Arran, Jura, Mull and Skye. You'll find tempered peatiness here, mixed with caramel and vanilla notes.

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# Dark days behind him

**NHL.** Lower Sackville forward Sheppard is back in the bigs with a new outlook on life



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James Sheppard doesn't like to watch TV anymore.

The act transports the 25-year-old Lower Sackville forward back to those dark months spent recovering from a horrific, career-threatening knee injury.

But remembering those times when he was robbed of two NHL seasons is a little less painful these days, especially after resigning with the San Jose Sharks in June.

"I'm just thankful that I can close that chapter of my life," he said. "There were a lot of ups and downs."

His life-altering ordeal began in 2010 during an ATV ride. He was thrown from the vehicle into a tree and his kneecap was essentially obliterated.

Three seasons into his young career with the Minnesota Wild, the former first-round pick abruptly exited The Show for the next two years, dealing with the gruelling process of recovery.

The three surgeries that forced him off his feet for five months in total also forced him to relearn the basics: Walking, sitting and skating.



Lower Sackville's James Sheppard had a goal and three assists in 32 games with the San Jose Sharks last season. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Sheppard never lost faith he'd one day return to the NHL.

"I have the hockey player mentality not to give up and I always knew I would play again. But it was difficult men-

tally. I was on my own schedule. I was never doing what the team was doing. I wasn't skating. I wasn't working out. Those team meetings I missed because you always enjoyed those; you always got a lot of support from the guys."

The Wild eventually gave up on Sheppard, trading him to the Sharks in August 2011.

After a season of recovery he returned to the pros, appearing in four games with the Sharks' AHL affiliate Worcester

Sharks. It was the most nerve-racking moment of his hockey career.

"That first game I was more nervous than my first NHL game. I just wanted to make sure I could keep up with everyone."

After 34 games with Worcester last year, where he recorded eight goals and 15 assists, he was recalled by San Jose during the lockout-shortened season. He remained there.

Sheppard did enough to

earn a year's contract from the team that had been interested in him since he was an up-and-coming junior player.

"They liked me back when I was a 19-year-old and believe I can be the player I know I can be."

He's now nearly 100 per cent recovered. Through the painstaking process, he's rediscovered his hunger and passion for the game.

"I grew up and realized what's important to me."

## Comfortable in his own skates

"I'm back to a state where if I lose a battle it's the end of the world. I have that love for the game and passion back."

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Brendan Steele chips a shot on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Steele-ing the show at Canadian Open

**Golf.** Field can't catch up to leader after he posts a 7-under 65 in morning round

Even though half the field had yet to play on Thursday, the first round of the 2013 RBC Canadian Open was largely decided by noon.

Brendan Steele held on to his early clubhouse lead to win the first round of the Canadian Open after shooting a 7-under 65, with no golfer in the afternoon grouping able to crack the top five of the \$5.6-million PGA Tour event in Oakville, Ont.

Joe Affrunti came closest. His 4-under 68 performance tied him for seventh.

"Today was probably the

most complete round that I've had all year, so that was kind of nice," said Steele. "Didn't miss many greens, didn't hit many shots off line, and I was able to roll a few putts in."

The 30-year-old Steele played consistent golf over the par-72, 7,253-yard Glen Abbey Golf Course, only bogeying the par-4 ninth hole. Steele had eight birdies, five on the front nine alone.

Scott Gardiner, Matt Kuchar and Scott Brown all tied for second, one shot off the pace.

Gardiner was tied for first after a birdie on the par-3 15th hole, but he bogeyed on the next hole to drop back into a tie with Kuchar and Brown.

"Actually, didn't hit that bad a drive on 16, and went left and got stuck behind a tree and had to lay up," said Gardiner. "And then I hit a pretty good (shot),

I missed a four foot putt. That was a struggle, but the rest of the shots I was fairly happy with. But then a couple of the tee shots there on the last."

Ottawa's Brad Fritsch was the top Canadian after a 3-under 69 performance. He birdied his final three holes to pass David Hearn of Brantford, Ont., on the leaderboard. Hearn finished 2 under.

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## MLB. Buehrle's gem pulls Blue Jays out of tailspin

All it took to end the Toronto Blue Jays' losing streak was a visit from the lowly Houston Astros.

Starter Mark Buehrle pitched a two-hit shutout and the Blue Jays' offence came up big in timely situations to beat the Astros 4-0 Thursday night at Rogers Centre. It was their first victory since July 13, and it snapped a seven-game skid.

Players insisted after another heartbreaking loss Wednesday that hopelessness was not taking over in the Blue Jays' clubhouse, that the focus was on the next day and the next game.

Thursday was all about Buehrle, the innings-eating left-hander who was supposed to bring veteran consistency to the starting rotation. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mark Buehrle pitched a complete-game, two-hit shutout against Houston on Thursday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### NHL

#### Leafs hand Nonis 5-year extension

The Maple Leafs signed general manager Dave Nonis to a five-year contract extension on Thursday. Nonis took over for the fired Brian Burke before the start of the 2013 season and Toronto made the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

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### Pats trying to move on



"The fate of our season is going to be determined by the guys in the locker-room."

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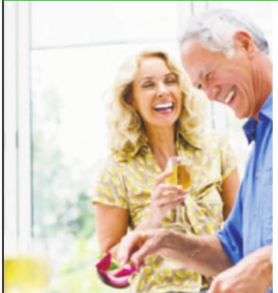
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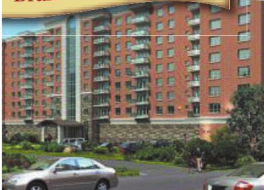


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### ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Take care of your health today because you could easily overdo it. That applies to social activities, especially. By all means have fun but respect your limits. Yes, you do have them, just like everyone else.

### ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you afraid to ask for advice? Maybe it's because you fear you will be told the one thing you don't want to hear. The point is it's the one thing you most need to hear.

### ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Even Geminis have days when their emotions get the better of them and this may be one for you. Whatever others may say or do, you are advised to take none of it seriously.

### ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may be flattered by someone's attention but are they being sincere? According to the planets, they may be buttering you up because there is something they want from you. Find out what it is.

### ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

There is one more obstacle you need to find a way past before you are free to chart a new course. It does not matter how you deal with it so long as you make a choice and stick to it.

### ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Try not to come on too strong, either in your personal life or at work, because people may take it the wrong way. You know how much you hate being told what to do. Well, they feel that way too.

### ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may wish that someone would be more careful about the company they keep but you must not be too forceful about it. If you insist they steer clear, they will most likely do the opposite just to spite you.

### ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

No one is following you and no one is planning to trip you up. So why do you feel this way? Maybe it's just your guilty conscience — again.

### ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Sometimes you can impose your will on others but it won't be so easy today. In fact, the more you try to tell others what to do, the more they will do something different.

### ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be tempted to disappear for a while, to leave the mad world behind you, but the planets say you should stay right where you are and do something decisive. Running never solves any problem.

### ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Do something practical to help a friend in need but draw the line at giving them money. They may mean it when they promise to pay you back soon but the planets warn they may not be able to.

### ♓ Pisces

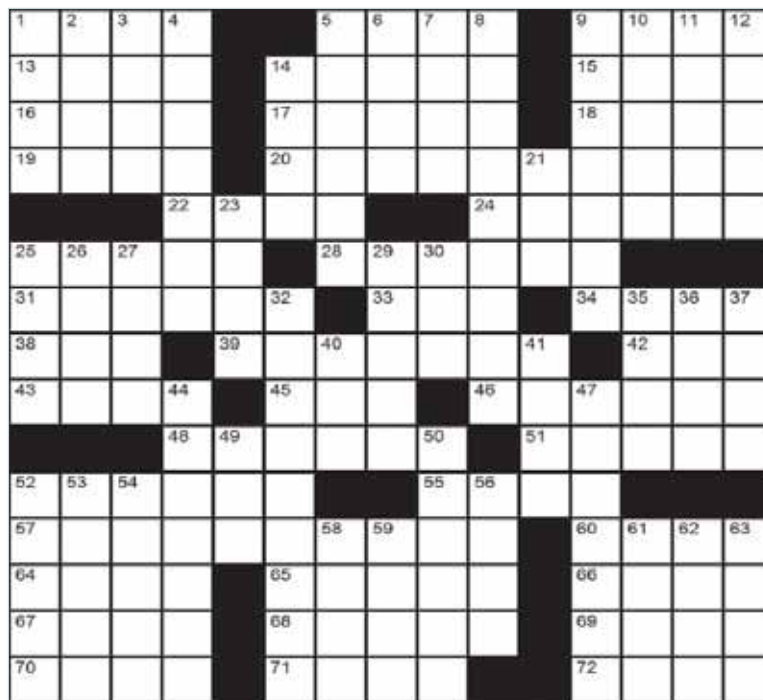
Feb. 20 - March 20

A friend is feeling low and needs some kind words. Who better than Pisces to say the right things? Remind them why life is always worth living — and while you're at it remind yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

- Be at the beach
- Atkins = Low-\_\_\_ diet
- Famed NYC music club
- Lima's land
- Work at a wedding reception
- Seed covering
- Actress Ms. Arden's
- O2 \_\_\_ (Venue in London, England)
- Network of nerves
- Work station item
- "Cruel Summer" group
- Kiln kind
- Quake's quiver
- Library literature
- Waves enthusiast
- Spellbound
- \_\_\_-expressionism (Art movement)
- Modify the magazine
- "\_\_\_ dreaming?" (Is this real?)
- Crews on ships
- 1990s trial Judge
- Large, informally
- Wheat: French
- Dishearten
- Hotel's car attendants
- Workshop machine
- Ask for \_\_\_ (Request more money at work)
- \_\_\_ aka Sporty Spice
- Decongestant



- \_\_\_ (Pharmacy product)
- Genghis \_\_\_ (Mongol emperor)
  - Backbone
  - "Tortoise Wins by \_\_\_" (1943) starring Bugs Bunny
  - Kilometre's counterpart
  - Decorate anew

- Endures
- Munitions
- River of Flanders
- Very: French
- Clean-cut

### Down

- Did this, got a ticket
- "\_\_\_ Got Tonite" by Bob Seger

- Wraths
- "Cottage Country" in Ontario, \_\_\_ Lakes
- Jeweller's fave veggies?
- \_\_\_ (Bo Derek in her breakthrough film)
- Actress Ms. Sofer
- Wayne Gretzky's Ontario hometown

- Actress, Tia \_\_\_
- Shiny-scaled fish
- US naval base in Cuba, commonly
- Cloudiness of vision
- Metered rides
- Depeche Mode song: "People \_\_\_ People"
- Snake sorts

- Glow with happiness
- "You Can Count \_\_\_" (2000)
- Unique, for short
- Not yet rented
- Speedwagon's musical partner
- Product by Canadian brand Windsor: 2 wds.
- \_\_\_ Coke
- Mosquito bite reaction
- Carry
- 'Duct' suffix (Malleable)
- Buy and \_\_\_, as stock
- \_\_\_-style sunglasses
- "The Wolverine" (2013) star Hugh
- Non-verbal communication syst.
- Brains
- Steamed
- Some restaurant steak orders
- Record's spot for the hit
- "For Your \_\_\_ Only" (1981)
- Racehorse flick, "\_\_\_ Lap" (1983)
- Tear down, variantly
- Take on a new employee
- City in Quebec
- Up-in-a-tree sight

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